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TABLE 36

IMPORTS OF THE LEADING SEMIFINISHED AND FINISHED TEXTILE GOODS 439

(*In Thousands of Litas*)

YEAR	WOOLEN SPUN YARN	COTTON SPUN YARN	WOOLEN FABRICS	COTTON FABRICS	TOTAL
1928	2,188	6,032	12,952	21,118	42,291
1929	2,413	7,449	14,179	18,600	42,643
1930	2,269	12,019	16,543	21,867	52,699
1931	2,576	8,801	14,980	24,082	50,439
1932	2,034	7,916	7,319	11,370	28,639
1933	3,264	8,917	4,430	8,320	24,931
1934	4,334	7,951	3,717	7,132	23,133
1935	4,173	7,364	3,742	7,271	22,550
1936	7,061	8,662	5,067	10,230	31,020
1937	8,433	8,558	5,795	10,213	32,999
1938	8,433	7,761	5,299	9,536	31,029
1939	5,004	5,499	4,564	8,654	23,721

FOODSTUFFS INDUSTRY

Among Lithuanian industries, foodstuffs occupied first place (41.6%) from the point of view of value of product in 1937 and second place from the point of view of number of people employed. From 1927 to 1938 this branch of industry almost doubled in number of employees. Table 37 shows this expansion. The meat, fish, and canned goods branch showed an exceptional rise. In 1939 the number of workers rose to 1,987 or more than five times the number (362) employed in 1927. The Maistas Corporation, with its five stockyards (Kaunas, Klaipeda, Siauliai, Panevezys, and Taurage), has been responsible for most of this progress. 258● 433

The Maistas Corporation was originally organized in 1923 000

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TABLE 37

THE FOODSTUFFS INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	1927		1930		1935		1938		1939	
	Establishments	*Employees*	*Establishments*	*Employees*	*Establishments*	*Employees*	*Establishments*	*Employees*	*Establishments*	*Employees*
Grain mills	83	778	74	638	83	619	99	761	96	706
Bakeries	21	156	29	212	43	319	53	465	46	469
Sugar refineries	—	—	—	—	1	133	2	262	2	246
Candy and chocolate factories	40	760	42	866	29	583	36	761	28	657
Slaughterhouses and meat, fish, and canned goods establishments	20	362	20	281	21	1,029	25	1,721	15	1,787 [a]
Milk-product plants	4	26	18	114	110	407	114	507	102	458
Breweries	10	350	10	351	10	246	11	602	9	553
Tobacco and cigarette factories	12	734	10	695	9	574	8	569	6	546

[a] Before Klaipeda Territory cession: 26 establishments with 1,987 workers.

for the purpose of concentrating on the export of eggs and dairy products, but later its activities were turned to organizing slaughterhouses and to producing and exporting meat and canned products.[7] The original capital of the Maistas Corporation was 500,000 litas, consisting of 5,000 shares at 100 litas par value. The first years of the corporation were not only nonprosperous, but the balance for July 1, 1924, showed a loss of 463,237.60 litas. This loss was covered by stockholders in proportional payments according to the stock

[7] *Pirmas Maisto Desimtmetis 1923–1933 Metai* (Maistas's First Decade, 1923–1933), Kaunas, 1933, p. 28.